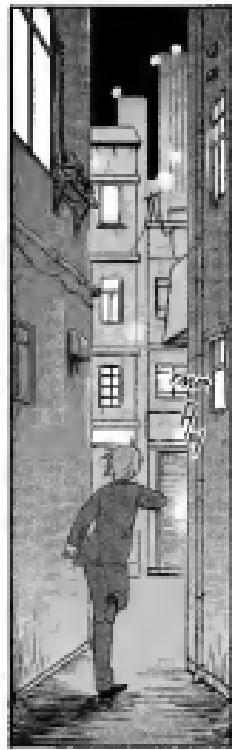




Chapter 22 Confession















IN THE END,
I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
BUT WATCH—
WHILE SHE
GOT HURT!

I
THOUGHT
I KNEW
THAT,
BUT—

SHE
WAS SO
SMALL.

I
FORGOT

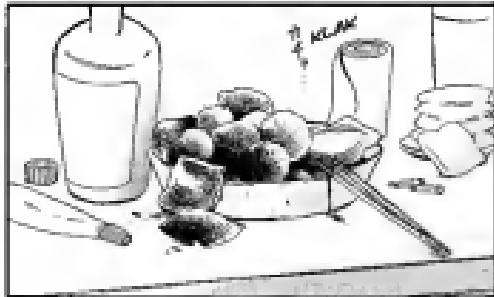
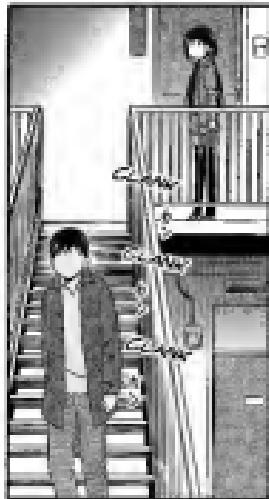


WOULD HE
FORGIVE A
SMALL GIRL
LIKE THIS?

IF MEI
RAN AWAY
FROM HERE,
WOULD
YAKUMO-
SAN...



NOW THAT
SHE'S PARTED
WAYS WITH
HER BROTHER,
THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
MEI TO STAY
HERE.







YOU PUT
THAT
CURSE ON
YOURSELF

UP TO NOW,
YOU COULD KILL
PEOPLE WITH
AN INNOCENT
SMILE, BECAUSE
YOU WERE A
CHILD



BUT...

I
SYMPA-
THIZE
WITH
YOU.
EVEN IF IT
WAS JUST
TO SURVIVE,
YOU JOINED
THE MAFIA
AT A VERY
YOUNG AGE.



JUST
LIKE
MAGIC
FADING
AWAY.

THE
CURSE
IS GOING
TO WEAR
OFF



YOU'RE
BECOMING
AN ADULT IN
BOTH MIND
AND BODY.

BUT
FALLING IN
LOVE MEANS
YOU'RE NOT
A CHILD
ANYMORE.

BUT IF I
RUN AWAY,
I'LL BE
KILLED,
WON'T I?

YOU KNOW
THAT BETTER
THAN ANYONE,
DON'T YOU?

SO IT'S
DANGEROUS
TO STAY
HERE.

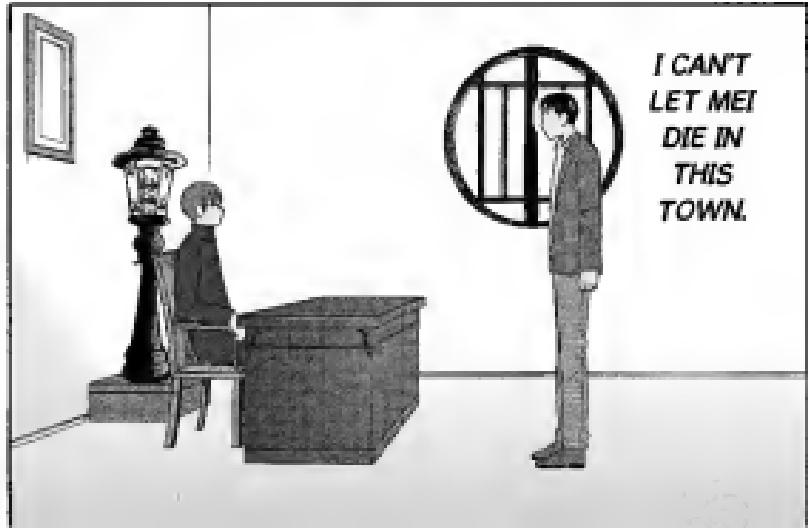


BUT
I'M JUST
GOING TO
KEEP DOING
WHAT I
WANT
TO DO.

THE
WOUND
ISN'T AS
DEEP AS I
THOUGHT.
...I'VE
TALKED
TOO
MUCH.

IT'S
ALL RIGHT.
I'LL LIVE
MY LIFE
HERE.

YAMAMOTO-
SENpai SAID
THE SAME
THING ABOUT
A CURSE.





















...IF I HAVE
TO DIE
FOR MEI.

